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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**ART UNIT 3774**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re issuance application of:  
BRYAN et al.

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For: HUMAN SPINAL DISC PROSTHESIS

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of December 10, 2007, entry of the following amendments and comments into the record of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.